

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

1-17 (canceled).

18 (previously presented): A method for facilitating editing of webpage interface elements, the method comprising:

obtaining an XML tag identifying a selected webpage interface element, wherein the XML tag is utilized in a plurality of webpages to identify a plurality of occurrences of the selected webpage interface element;

accessing a configuration file corresponding to the XML tag, wherein the configuration file provides data formatting rules for the selected webpage interface element, based on the XML tag; and

editing the configuration file to change the data formatting rules for the selected webpage interface element,

wherein the changed data formatting rules resulting from the edited configuration file changes an appearance of the selected webpage interface element in the plurality of webpages.

19 (previously presented): The method of Claim 18, further comprising:

storing a plurality of configuration files corresponding to the plurality of webpages in a database.

20 (previously presented): The method of Claim 18, further comprising:

determining a file type of the XML tag,

wherein the editing of the configuration file is based on the determined file type of the XML tag.

21 (previously presented): The method of Claim 20, wherein the file type is one of: JSP, HTML, ASP and PHP.

22 (previously presented): The method of Claim 18, wherein the selected webpage interface element is one of: a user-input text field; a graphics box; a button, a check box, a radio box, a text field, a menu, a list, and a drop-down box.

23 (previously presented): A computer system for facilitating editing of webpage interface elements, the system comprising:

a processor;

a memory; and

control logic for causing the processor to:

obtain an XML tag identifying a selected webpage interface element, wherein the XML tag is utilized in a plurality of webpages to identify a plurality of occurrences of the selected webpage interface element;

access a configuration file corresponding to the XML tag, wherein the configuration file provides data formatting rules for the selected webpage interface element, based on the XML tag; and

edit the configuration file to change the data formatting rules for the selected webpage interface element,

wherein the changed data formatting rules resulting from the edited configuration file changes an appearance of the selected webpage interface element in the plurality of webpages.

24 (previously presented): The system of Claim 23, wherein the memory includes a database storing a plurality of configuration files corresponding to the plurality of webpages.

25 (previously presented): The system of Claim 23, wherein the control logic causes the processor to:

determine a file type of the XML tag,

wherein the configuration file is edited based on the determined file type of the XML tag.

26 (previously presented): The system of Claim 25, wherein the file type is one of: JSP, HTML, ASP and PHP.

27 (previously presented): The system of Claim 23, wherein the selected webpage interface element is one of: a user-input text field; a graphics box; a button, a check box, a radio box, a text field, a menu, a list, and a drop-down box.